

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, today our national debt is \$13,476,661,616,652.10.

On January 6th, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$2,838,235,870,358.30 so far this Congress.

This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

REMEMBERING LTC CHARLES C. LYDA

HON. TOM MCCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember LTC Charles Lyda of Truckee, California. Chuck was born to Charmian and Lu Lyda in July 23, 1952 in San Diego, California where he grew up with his older sister Laramee, and younger brother, Grady.

An extraordinary athlete, by age 16 Chuck was competing on the world stage, racing for the U.S. National Team in Wildwater Kayaking in the 1969 World Championship. Chuck would go on to be a two-time Olympian and two-time World Champion in Canoe/Kayak, as well as qualifying for 28 U.S. national teams in Canoe, Kayak and Biathlon and serving as U.S. Olympic Team coach from 1996 through 2002. His athletic legacy also includes serving as the first Nordic Director for the Auburn Ski Club Training Center, founding the biathlon program at Northstar-at-Tahoe and the long-running 10th Mountain Division Race, as well as developing the ASC 1–2–3 program, which has introduced nearly 20,000 young men and women to cross-country skiing.

While Chuck's athletic achievements alone would represent a full and accomplished life in their own right, he was also a dedicated and faithful patriot. Enlisting in 1983, Chuck joined the 132nd Engineer Battalion as a combat engineer and served 27 years in the United States Army National Guard. Chuck served multiple rotations as the Mobilization Officer for California, ensuring that the men and women going overseas from California were deployed on time and brought home in the same fashion. It is safe to say that his diligence in this role touched the lives of nearly every soldier who was part of the largest deployment of California troops since the Korean War. In 2005 Chuck was selected to deploy to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, where he served as the Chief of Operations, Corps of Engineers in Tikrit. Even though he was in his mid-fifties while serving overseas, Chuck maintained the highest levels of physical fitness and discipline imaginable, consistently improving his two-mile run time every time he took the test.

While preparing to deploy to Iraq for his second tour, Chuck lost his battle with cancer and passed away on June 12, 2010. Known by his friends for fierce loyalty and unending perseverance, he will most certainly be missed. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to rise today in recognition of LTC Charles Lyda and to extend my condolences to his family and my gratitude for his many years of service to our Nation.

HONORING THE PERFORMANCE OF TEAM GUAM AT THE 7TH MICRONESIAN GAMES

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of Team Guam at the 7th Micronesia Games which took place in Koror, Palau in August of this year. The Micronesia Games are a quadrennial sporting event that unifies the islands of the central and western regions of the Pacific through friendly competition. The 2010 Micronesia Games featured more than 1,000 competitors from the Marshall Islands, Pohnpei, Chuuk, Kosrae, Yap, the Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, and Guam. Athletes from across Micronesia competed in the sports of Athletics, Baseball, Basketball, Canoe (Va'a), Fast pitch Softball, Micro All Around, Spearfishing, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Triathlon, Volleyball, Weightlifting, and Wrestling.

At the end of the ten day competition, the 200-member Guam Team garnered a grand total of 66 medals, including 20 Gold, 25 Silver, and 21 Bronze medals. I commend the athletes of Team Guam for their performances at the Micronesia Games and for representing the island of Guam with great pride, promoting the values of sportsmanship and dedication to fitness. I would like to recognize the following individuals and teams who achieved Gold medals in their respective disciplines:

Amy Atkinson: Women's 1500m Run; Derek Mandell: Men's 800 Meter Run, 1500m Run, and 10,000m Run; Michael Gaitan: Men's 5000 Meter Run; Women's Basketball; Men's Basketball; Women's V6 15km Canoe; Sussanna Schlub: Women's V1 10k Canoe; Men's 500m Canoe; Justin Dugan and Alea Dugan: Mixed Tennis Doubles; Justin Dugan and Wendell Roden: Men's Tennis Team; Justin Dugan and Wendell Roden: Men's Tennis Doubles; Jay Sternadel and Michael Todd Genereux: Spearfishing Team Event; Women's Volleyball; Men's Volleyball; Maria Dunn: Women's 63kg Freestyle Wrestling, Women's Light Weight Beach Wrestling, and Women's Overall Heavy Weight Beach Wrestling; and Raymond Tenorio Jr.: Greco Roman Wrestling 66kg.

The following individuals and teams achieved Silver medals:

Naomi Burke: Women's 100m Sprint; Naomi Blaz: Women's 200 Meter Sprint; Amy Atkinson: Women's 800 Meter Run; Nicole Layson: Women's 5000 Meter Run and Women's 10,000m Run; Gerardo Genie: Women's Shot Put; Naomi Blaz, Noreen Ericsson, Nicole Layson, and Amy Atkinson: Women's 4x400m Relay; Michael Herreros: Men's 110m Hurdles;

Jeffrey Limtiaco: Men's 1500m Run; Toby Castro: Men's 5000 Meter Run; Women's V1 500m Canoe; Women's 500m Canoe; Women's 1500m Canoe; Men 1500m Canoe; Women's Tennis Team Event; Ayuri Sugahara: Women's Tennis Singles; Alea Dugan and Terea Tapu: Women's Tennis Doubles; Women's Fast Pitch Softball; Men's Fast Pitch Softball; Mark Walters: Men's Triathlon Individual Event; Theodore Tamashiro: Men's 55kg Freestyle Wrestling and Greco Roman Wrestling 55kg; Raymond Tenorio Jr.: Men's 66kg Freestyle Wrestling; and Patrick Camacho: Men's 120kg Freestyle Wrestling and Greco Roman Wrestling 120kg.

The following individuals and teams earned Bronze medals:

Naomi Burke: Women's 200 Meter sprint; Naomi Blaz: Women's 400m Sprint and Women's Triple Jump; Nicole Layson: Women's 1500m; Women's Sheena Subido: 10,000m Run; Genie Gerardo: Women's Discus Throw; Noreen Ericsson: Women's Long Jump; Jeffrey Limtiaco: Men's 400 Meter Hurdles; Michael Gaitan: Men's 800 Meter Run; Toby Castro: Men's 1500m and Men's 10,000m Run; Albert Juan III: Men's Triple Jump; Derek Mandell, Michael Gaitan, Jeffrey Limtiaco, and Keith Muna: Men's 4x400m Relay; Men's Baseball; Men's V1 500m Canoe; Edwin Adag and Arlene Taitague: Mixed Doubles Table Tennis; Edwin Cadag, Arman Burgos, and Prudencio Burgos: Men's Team Table Tennis; Edwin Cadag and Arman Burgos: Men's Double Table Tennis; Michael Todd Genereux: Men's Individual Spearfishing; Mark Avery Sasai: Men's 60kg Freestyle Wrestling; and Cliffourd Kusterbeck: Men's 74kg Freestyle Wrestling.

I join our community in congratulating the men and women of Team Guam for their accomplishments at the 7th Micronesia Games in Palau, and I look forward to Team Guam's continued success in international competitions.

BALANCING WORK AND FAMILY

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, balancing work and family is not solely a woman's issue. This seems obvious, but all too often both the media and the political debate seem to forget this reality.

There is no doubt that the huge influx of women into the workforce over the last 50 years has put them at ground zero for balancing the competing demands of family and work. But that same trend has also created challenges and changes for men.

Today, over 70 percent of mothers work outside the home, more and more men are taking on care-taking and household duties. Of course, that's only more household responsibilities relative to what men have done in the past—so in congressional lingo, we are starting from a very favorable baseline.

But there is no doubt that men are feeling more anxious about balancing work and home responsibilities, and 95 percent of American fathers report conflicts between work and family demands. This means men have a clear stake in a debate they have been largely missing from, and their absence undercuts a political drive to make long overdue progress.

As Americans, we often pride ourselves in leading the world forward. But on work/family issues, we are badly trailing most of our competitors. We remain the only major industrial nation with no form of paid family leave, and many of our public policies fail to adequately meet the needs of parents.

Some of these policies, such as child care and unemployment insurance, fall within the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support, which I Chair.

Recently, we've made modest progress in this area by temporarily boosting funding for child care by \$2 billion in the Recovery Act.

Perhaps more substantially, we've begun to prod States to remove barriers to parents receiving unemployment benefits. Four years ago, I introduced legislation called the UI Modernization Act to improve coverage for low-wage workers and to help parents leaving work for compelling family reasons.

This bill, which was included in the Recovery Act, provides a total of \$7 billion for States that enact reforms from a menu of options. One of these reforms is to stop denying benefits to workers who become eligible for unemployment benefits based on part-time work simply because they are seeking reemployment in another part-time job, rather than in a full time job. Some Americans work part-time because they cannot find full-time employment, but others work part-time to accommodate family issues.

I can see no reason to discriminate against parents who choose to work a schedule that best fits the needs of their family, so I am glad we are beginning to make some progress on this issue. As a result of the UI Modernization payments, the number of States providing unemployment benefits to those seeking part-time work doubled, up from 14 to 27.

Another reform included in the UI Modernization Act was providing benefits to so-called trailing spouses. These are wives and husbands who quit their jobs when their partners' jobs are relocated to another part of the country. Many States had disqualified these spouses from receiving UI benefits on the basis that they voluntarily left employment. The Modernization Act cites such employment departures as a compelling family reason, and thus maintains eligibility for UI. The number of States now providing benefits to trailing spouses has gone up from 14 to 24.

Finally, the Modernization Act also permits taking care of a disabled or ill child or fleeing domestic violence as a compelling family reason for leaving employment. All of these reforms are squarely aimed at acknowledging that certain family situations can have a significant, and often unavoidable, impact on a person's job.

I know that two of the biggest goals for those working on work family issues are paid family leave and paid sick leave. I still cannot believe the considerable opposition to the Family and Medical Leave Act before its passage in 1993. That anyone would be opposed to three months unpaid leave for employees at companies with more than 50 employees is absurd.

But we have always heard doomsday predictions when it comes to enacting workplace protections—whether it be overtime pay, the minimum wage, or the Americans with Disabilities Act. And the same is true now when it comes to paid leave.

But once again, we haven't seen any evidence that it causes an undue burden to busi-

ness or to taxpayers after some States and cities have enacted their own paid leave and sick leave standards. In response to paid sick leave requirements in San Francisco, I saw one restaurant executive quoted as saying that paid sick leave—"is the best public policy for the least cost. Do you want your server coughing over your food?"

Moving forward, we need to see progress on work/family issues as part of the continuum of workplace protections that have made America a better place to work, live and raise a family. Helping both mothers and fathers balance work and family responsibilities is something that will have both an immediate and lasting impact on the well being of our Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM MARSHALL

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. MARSHALL. Madam Speaker, regarding rollcall vote 526 on the previous question, I mistakenly voted no. I meant to vote yes.

HONORING THE KOREAN HOLIDAY OF CHUSEOK

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I come to the floor today to recognize and wish the people of South Korea and our Korean Americans a blessed Chuseok holiday.

Chuseok is a time of great thanksgiving in South Korea and a time when families celebrate their ancestry.

This year, Chuseok takes place September 20–23, 2010, and I would like this opportunity to specifically thank our Korean-American community in Orange County.

Their contributions to California and the United States have moved this country in the right direction.

I would also like to recognize the strong US–ROK alliance and the blessing which have developed from this long and enduring relationship.

I wish the people of Korea and all our Korean-Americans a joyful Chuseok.

INVESTITURE OF DR. CLIFFORD SCOTT AS TWELFTH PRESIDENT OF NEW ENGLAND COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. CAPUANO. Madam Speaker, on Sunday, September 26, 2010 Dr. Clifford Scott will be invested as the Twelfth President of the New England College of Optometry, and today I congratulate both Dr. Scott and the College. New England College of Optometry, located in

Boston, has been the educational and intellectual center of optometry in New England since 1894. With an enrollment of over 400 students, the student body is the most diverse of any optometry college in the world: more than 25% of students enrolled in the doctor of optometry program received their pre-optometry education outside the United States. The College is committed to the advancement of vision care and exemplifies the highest standards of training for providers of quality, accessible eye care.

Dr. Clifford Scott's career has been dedicated to the New England College of Optometry since he matriculated at the Massachusetts College of Optometry, New England College of Optometry's predecessor. He has been a New England College of Optometry faculty member since 1970, most recently serving as Vice President and Dean of Academic Affairs.

As he and the College enter this next phase in their mutual history, I wish them continued success and preeminence in the field of optometry education and vision care.

IN RECOGNITION OF MS. ELIZABETH "LIZ" WARE SIMS

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to request the House's attention today to pay recognition to Ms. Elizabeth "Liz" Ware Sims who will be honored by The Historic Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church.

Ms. Sims was born in Notasulga, Alabama, to the late Tommie and Emma Ware. She was their sixth child out of eight. She attended Shiloh Rosenwald School, Tuskegee Institute High School and after graduation, attended a business college in Montgomery, Alabama.

She worked for thirty-three years at Tuskegee University and then ten more at Auburn University.

In 2006, she began working for The Shiloh Community Restoration Foundation. Later, on August 5, 2010, Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church and The Shiloh Rosenwald School were listed on the National Register of Historic Sites.

Ms. Sims has two daughters, Charlene and Catrina, and three grandsons, Trey, Phillip and Caleb.

The celebration honoring her will be held on October 3, 2010, at The Historic Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church.

I congratulate Ms. Sims for her good works in the community.

RECOGNIZING MR. JEFFREY P. CRUZ AS THE 2010 NAVY FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES PROVIDER OF THE YEAR

HON. MADELINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the exemplary public service of Mr. Jeffrey P. Cruz, an emergency medical services (EMS) provider for Navy Fire and